Exhibit No. 1.

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

Timonium South Rail Passenger * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Station 8th Election District * 91-282-A 4th Councilmanic District Maryland Mass Transit Admin. Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests, pursuant to the Petition for Zoning Variance and Baltimore County Council Bill #91-90, a variance from Section 255.1 (238.2) to permit a 12 ft. rear setback for the highblock (ramp) on the northbound platform at the Timonium South Rail Station in lieu of the required 30 ft. setback, as more particularly described on Petitioner's

The Petitioner, by Kenneth Goon, appeared, testified and was represented by Irwin Brown, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were Gilbert Moore, Christie Wells and Joseph A. Romanowski. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property located between Greenspring Drive and Aylesbury Drive is zoned M.L.-I.M.

Proffered testimony indicated that the subject property will be the future site of the proposed Timonium South Rail Passenger Station as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

Baltimore County Council Bill No. 91-90 permits such a use in the M.L.-I.M. zone as of right.

Mr. Kenneth Goon, Director of Planning for the Maryland Mass Transit Administration, indicated that the subject station will be one of twentyfive stations along the line, this one will serve the general community of Lutherville-Timonium. He testified that this station is within walking

distance of the local business community and, therefore, no parking has been provided. Mr. Goon indicated that "highblocks" permit handicapped individuals to board and alight the train without having to negotiate steps (See Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1). Mr. Goon indicated that in view of the narrow dimension of the right-of-way, the aforementioned variance relief is necessary to accommodate the "highblocks". He indicated that the requested variance relief is consistent with Sections 307.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and that the Petitioner would suffer an undue hardship and practical difficulty should the requested relief be denied.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

 whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty or unrea-

sonable hardship if the variances were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the Zoning Variance relief should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 12'day of March, 1991 that Petitioner's request, pursuant to the Petition for a Zoning Variance and Baltimore County Council Bill #91-90 for a 12 ft. rear setback for the highblock (ramp) on the northbound platform at the Timonium South Rail Station in lieu of the required 30 ft. setback, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the aforegoing relief:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 15 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

o o cc: Peoples Counsel

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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: 91-282-4 The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a

Variance from Section <u>255.1 (238.2) to permit a 12 foot rear setback for the highblock</u> (ramp) on the northbound platform at the Timonium South Rail Station in lieu of the required 30 foot setback.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The proposed highblocks will allow mobility impaired persons to board light rail vehicles. Their locations are fixed for proximity to the front door of the vehicle. It is impossible to meet the required rear setback within the MTA right-of-way. Mobility impaired persons would experience unreasonable hardship without highblocks.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and a under the penalties of perjury, that I we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this relition.

Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser: Mass Transit Administration (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) Signature Ronald J. Hartman, Administrator City and State

Attorney for Petitioner: 333-3885 300 W. Lexington Street Irwin Brown (Type or Print Name) Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted Christine A. Wells, Representative 21201-3415 Baltimore, MD 300 W. Lexington Street Attorney's Telephone No.: _333-3315_____

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ZONING DESCRIPTION BALTIMORE COUNTY CLRL TIMONIUM SOUTH RAIL PASSENGER STATION TAX MAP 60. GRID 11, PARCEL NO. NA

BEGINNING for the same on the northwesterly right-of-way line of the MTA's property, at a point 2737 feet, more or less, southeasterly from the centerline of Timonium Road, variable

MTA CLRL R/W

THENCE with bearings and distances as referred to the true meridian as adopted by the MTA, "The Maryland State Plane Coordinate System." as defined by 1983 North American Datum. N 9º 50' 37" W a distance of 650.00 feet to a point, thence N 80° 09' 28" E a distance of 130.00 feet to a point, thence S 9° 50' 37" E a distance of 650.00 feet to a point, thence S 80° 09' 23" W a distance of 130.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Being a portion of the MTA CLRL Right-of-Way, as conveyed to MTA by Consolidated Rail Corporation. by a deed recorded in the land records of Baltimore County at Vol. 8506, page 307. CONTAINING in all 1.94 Acres more or less.



91-282-A CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF SALTIMORE COUNTY

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Posted by S.J. Grafa Signature	Date of return February 8, 1991
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD., _____ THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md.. once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on $\frac{1-5}{2}$

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

March 11, 1991

Irwin Brown, Esquire 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 91-282-A Mass Transit Administration, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

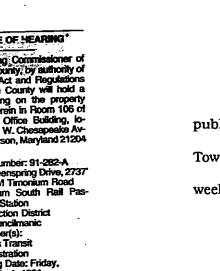
In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Zoning Commissioner

cc: Peoples Counsel cc: Mr. Joseph A. Romanowski, Jr., Esquire

cc: Ms. Christie Wells cc: Mr. Gilbert L. Moore

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION



Variance: to permit a 12 foot rear setback for the highblock (ramp) on the northbound plat-form in lieu of the required 30 foot

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 23rd day of January, 1990.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Petitioner: Mass Transit Administration Petitioner's Attorney: Irwin Brown

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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DATE: 2/2/9/

Mass Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3415

Case Number: 91-282-A E/S Greenspring Drive, 2737' SE of c/l Timonium Road Timonium South Rail Passenger Station 8th Election District - 4th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Mass Transit Administration HEARING: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that $\frac{1/4.9}{}$ is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: February 11, 1991

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The petitioner requests a Variance to permit a 12 ft. rear

setback for the high block (ramp) on the northbound platform at the

Staff supports the applicant's request. The location of high blocks at light rail stops will benefit mobility impaired persons to board light rail vehicles. The Master Plan supports the overall

concept of light rail as "a major step in establishing a regional network of convenient, attractive public transportation alternatives."

provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the

If there should be any further questions or if this office can

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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ITEM277/ZAC1

Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Maryland Mass Transit Administration, Item No. 277

Timonium South Rail Station in lieu of the required 30 ft.

ZONTING CONNITSSIONER BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

January 18, 1991

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Mass Transit Administration

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

887-3353

February 19, 1991

Irwin Brown, Esquire 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, MD 21201-3415

> RE: Item No. 277, Case No. 91-282-A Petitioner: Mass Transit Administration Petition for Zoning Variance

Dear Mr. Brown:

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Christine A. Wells Mass Transit Administration 300 W. Lexington Street Baltimore, MD 21201-3415

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500

(301) 887-4500

JANUARY 18, 1991

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner:

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Location:

TIMONIUM SOUTH RAIL FASSENGER STATION

Item No.: 277

Zoning Agenda: JANUARY 22, 1991

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWER: Cat One Molly 1-33-9 Approved in the Approved Fire Prevention Eureau Special Inspection Division

JK/KEK

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: January 23, 1991

FROM: Robert W. Bouling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for January 22, 1991

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments for Items 266, 270, and 274.

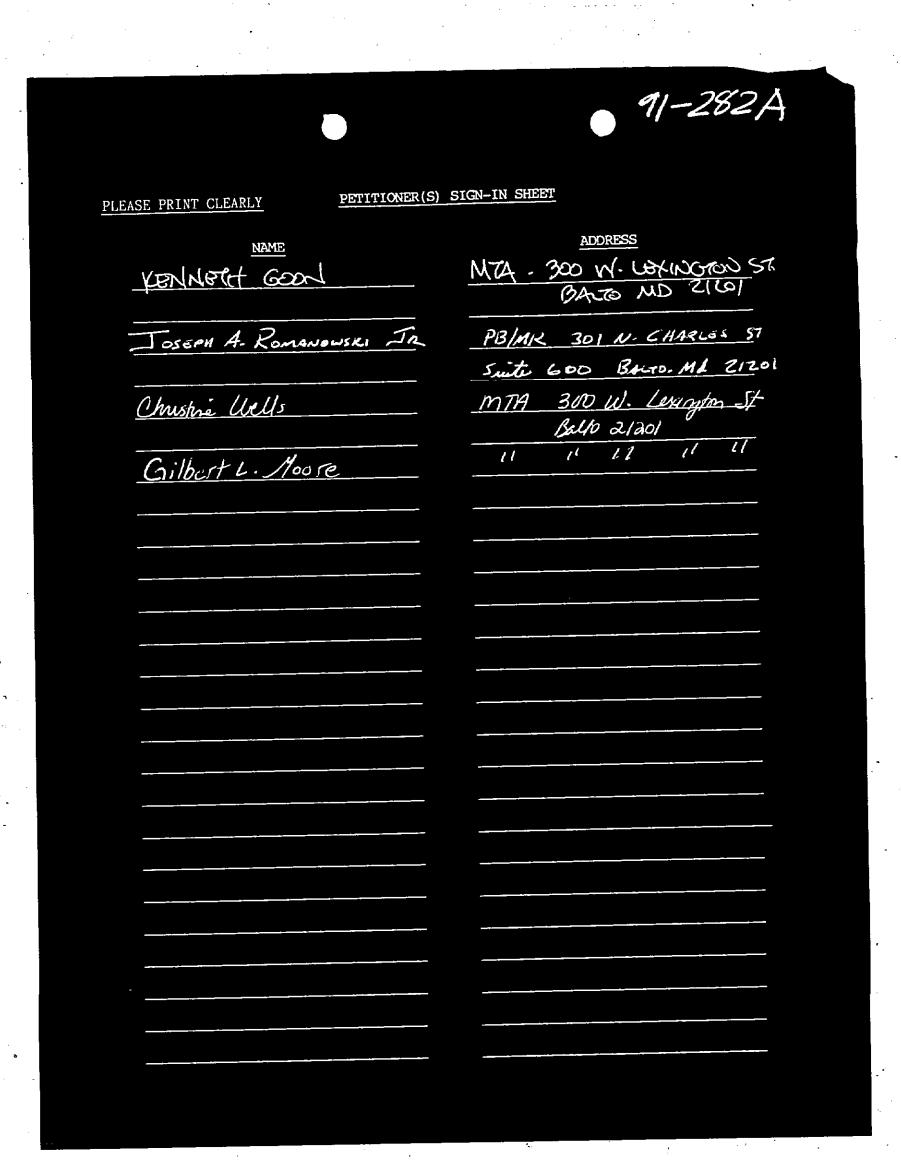
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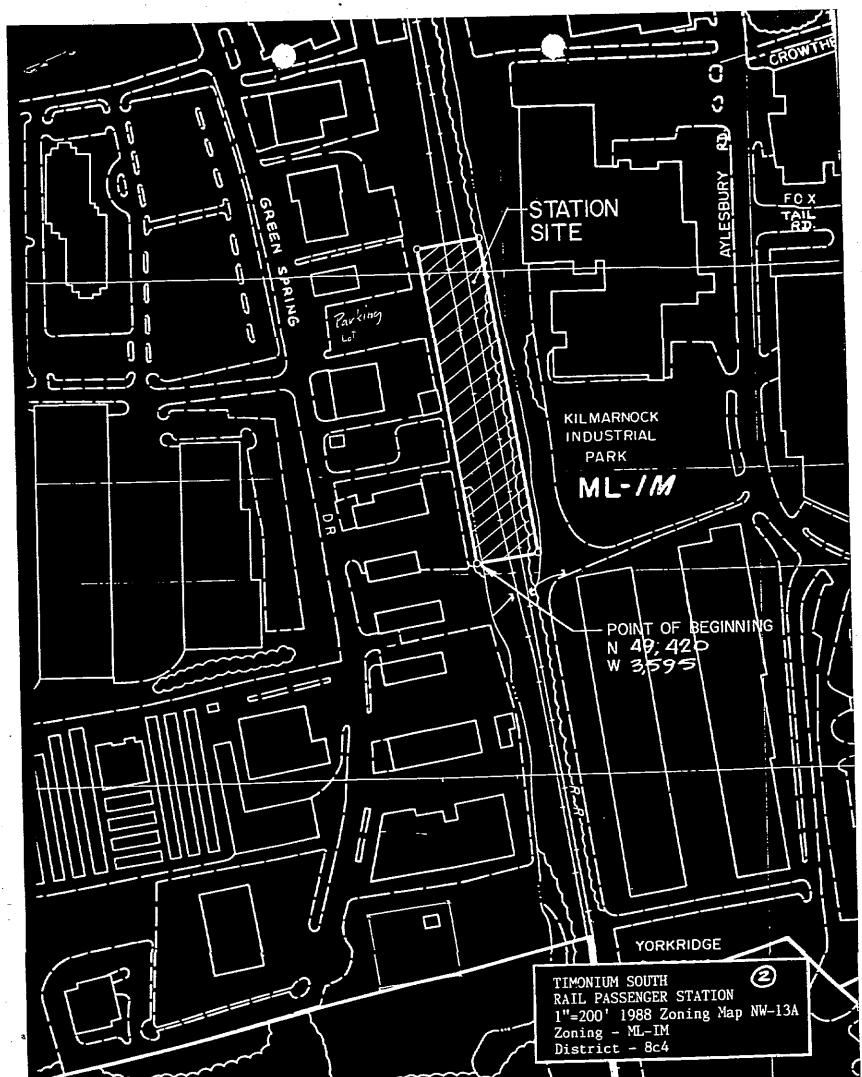
For Item 272, the driveway location shown would require the relocation of Pole #110031. Also, an extension of the

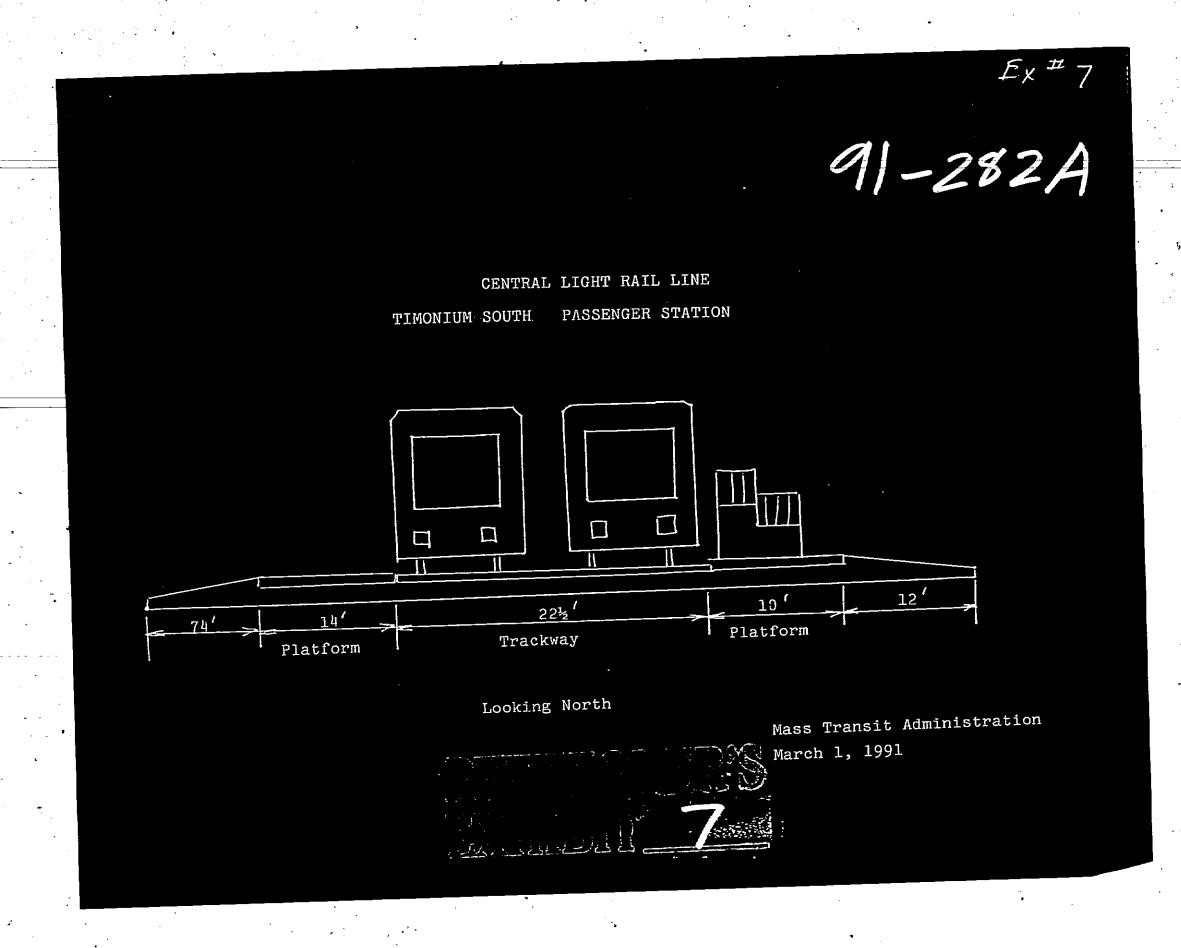
public sanitary sewer in Ellinwood Road or Hazelwood Avenue may be required to serve this property.

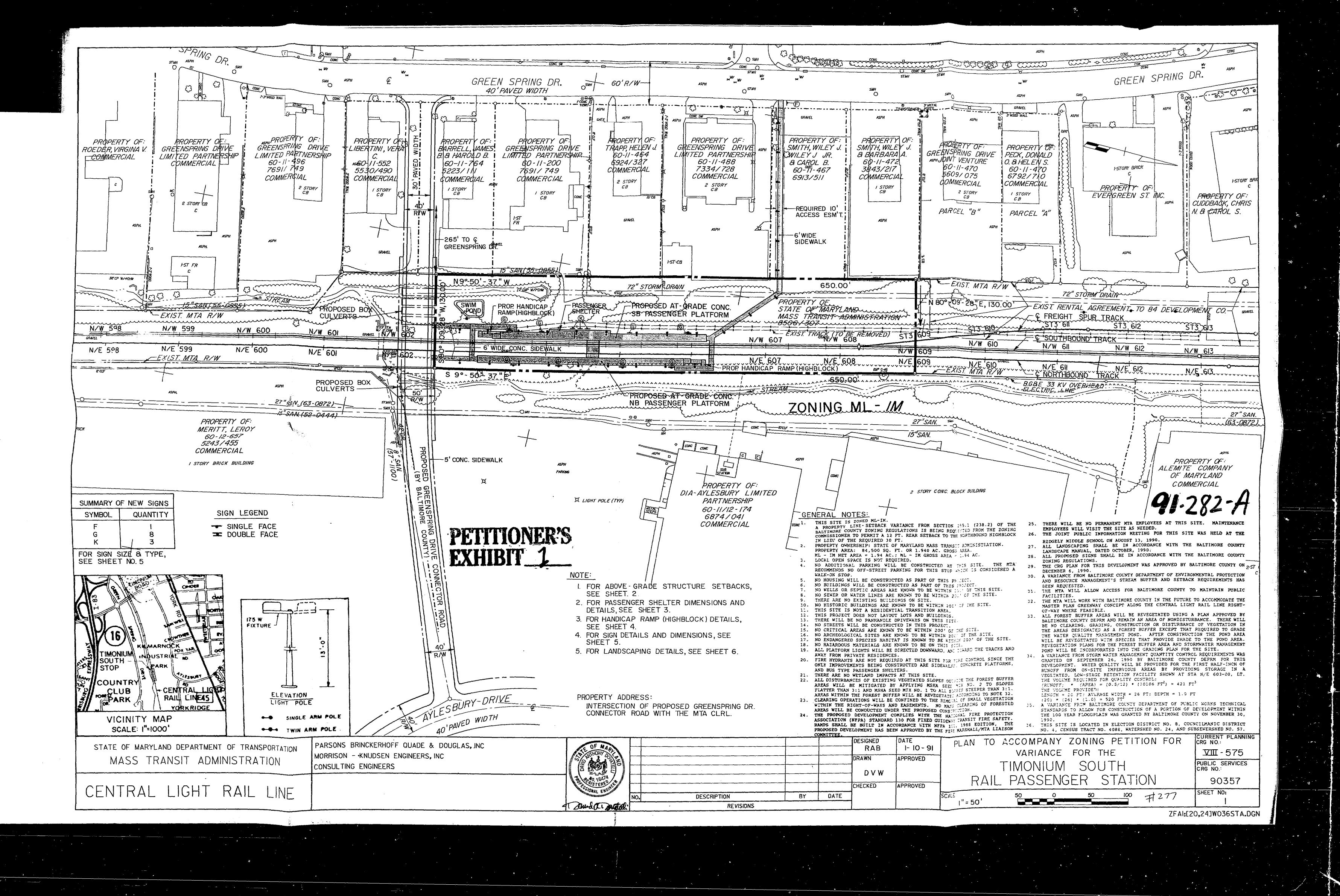
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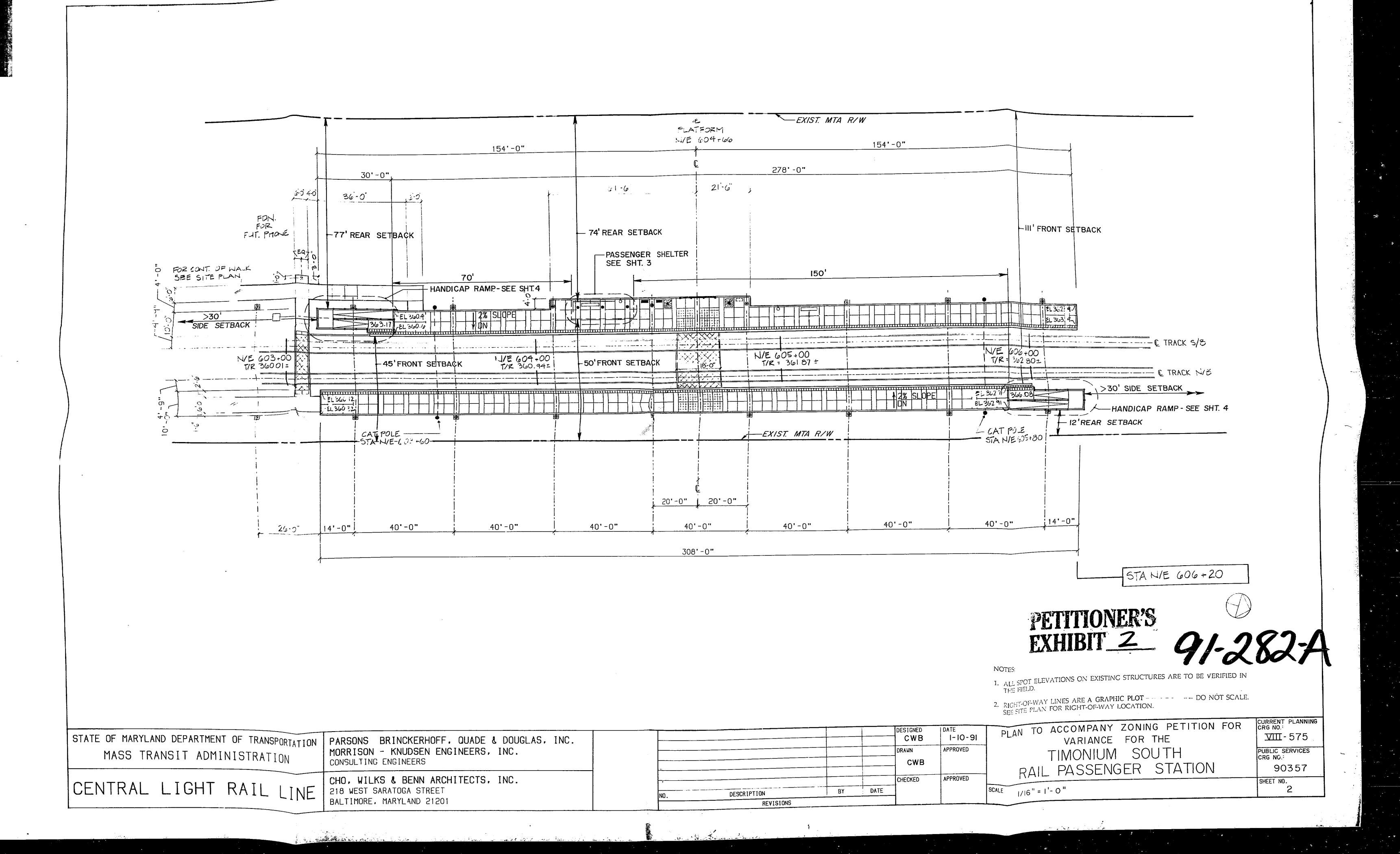
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